



HUNTINGDONSHIRE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

MINUTES OF AN AGM HELD AT BUCKDEN VILLAGE HALL – ON 14 MAR 2019

Present: Steve G1KWF (President)
 Mervyn G4KLE (Chairman)
 David M0VTG (Secretary)
 Nigel G6LSB (Treasurer)
 Malcolm M0OLG (Events Coordinator)
 Julie M1JUL (Repeater Keeper)
 Gary M1GRY (Website)
 Angela M3FTV (Librarian)
 Andy G6OHM (Member 3)
 Alan M0FDA (Repeater Engineer)
 Simon M0ILR (Examinations Secretary)
 Plus 27 members

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.45 hrs.

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ITEM 1.	<p><u>Welcome And Apologies For Absence.</u></p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting and asking if there were any additional apologies to pass on. Apologies were received from:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul G8TQI John G8JKR Geoff G0DDX Linda G0TPX Mick 2E0FF0 Marc M0IMG Dave G4ETG Ken M7ABW Derek M0DRK David M0SKT Richard 2E0FRQ</p>	
ITEM 2.	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous AGM</u></p> <p>The Secretary summarized the minutes of the AGM on 8 Mar 2018. The minutes had been published on the Society's website shortly after that meeting. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Malcolm (M0OLG), seconded by Andy (G6OHM) and carried unanimously by the membership.</p>	

<p>ITEM 3.</p>	<p><u>Chairman's Report</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave an in depth report of the past year's activities and achievements giving thanks to the membership and committee for all the support he had received.</p> <p>The Special Events were listed as were club visits and the show and tell and bring and buy. Thanks were given to the net controllers for running the various nets including the excellent work by Peter (G3LHI) for his continuing efforts in furthering the use of CW.</p> <p>The 2018 rally had gone well under the excellent guidance of Malcolm (M0OLG).</p> <p>Mention was made of the individual achievements of those who had taken their foundation and intermediate licences during the past year.</p> <p>A number of members had been hospitalized during the year (Phil G0AYX and Peter G4LHI) and thanks were due to those who took the trouble to visit them.</p> <p>Sadly, Gerald (G3AAZ) had passed away on 24 January 2019. Thanks were due to Geraldine (Gerald's daughter) for her generosity in donating Gerald's equipment to HARS before he died. We are disposing of the equipment gradually and a decision is yet to be made about the disposal of funds. Similarly we are grateful to John G4KJJ for donating some of his equipment to us. John still operates of GB3OV but is no longer active elsewhere. His equipment realized £790.00 of which the Committee decided to donate £400.00 to charity. This would be spilt evenly and donated to the Alzimers Society (Huntingdon) and the East Anglian Children's Hospice.</p> <p>Last Christmas, Phil (G0AYX) and Brian (G8CHC) refurbished the wreath from the previous year and made a second one to be placed St Mary's Church, Buckden. Thanks were given for their efforts.</p> <p>Finally, the practice of inviting one or two club members to our committee meetings and had proved popular and would continue.</p> <p>(Secretary's Note. A copy of the Chairman's Report is available for viewing from the Secretary if required.)</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p>
<p>ITEM 4.</p>	<p><u>Secretary's Report.</u></p> <p>The Secretary reported that the membership had increased from around 66 members and had peaked at 77 during the year.</p> <p>A Special Interest Group (SIG) headed by Malcolm (M0OLG) had recommended that we purchase an IC 821H form Douggie (2E0IGI) at a generous price £250.00 and HARS were, once again, self sufficient on 70cm and 2mtr.</p>	

	<p>The Secretary had carried out enhancements to the rack mounted HF IC 7200 to include a pair of Morse key sockets at the front, a battery power alternative, and a headphone distribution capability.</p> <p>Regrettably, the Train the Trainer session scheduled for 2018 had had to be cancelled for lack of delegates. A second attempt to hold one on 30 March 2019 had also been cancelled for similar reasons.</p> <p>It was proposed that HARS should start to hold training courses and become a registered examination centre. To this end the Secretary had asked Simon (M0ILR) to become the Examinations Secretary (a requirement of the RSGB) and had been co-opted onto the committee vice Peter (2E0CUK) who had stepped down. Andy (G6OHM) had review various power point presentations and the Secretary, as lead instructor and in conjunction with the 'training team', hoped to implement courses in time for the new syllabii commencing in Aug/Sep 2019. This had the backing of the Tony (G0IAG) who is our new Deputy Regional Manager and vets locations for suitability. In the meantime we hoped to register Buckden Village Hall as an Examination Centre.</p> <p>(Secretary's Note. A copy of the Secretary's Report is available for viewing from the Secretary if required.)</p>	Secretary
ITEM 5.	<p><u>Treasurer's Report.</u></p> <p>The Treasurer distributed a balance sheet detailing the Society's financial position which again remained in a healthy position. The rally and various donations (already mentioned) had contributed greatly. An internal audit had been carried out again this year by Mick (2E0FFO) and Ken (M7ABW). Despite a small increase in meeting room costs, the Treasurer saw no reason to increase membership fees. John (M0JWS) proposed that fees remain a £10.00 (£15.00 family membership), This was seconded by Peter (2E0CUK) and carried.</p> <p>(Secretary's Note. A copy of the Treasurer's Report is available for viewing from the Secretary if required.)</p>	
ITEM 6.	<p><u>Repeater Keeper's Report.</u></p> <p>The Repeater Keeper reported that on one day in May 2018, GB3OV had been locked out by a continuous data signal and the 10:00 net had had to be moved to GB3PY. The matter was traced to the A14 construction site and the matter resolved the same day.</p> <p>The tower had been damaged by a falling tree pulling on a guy rope. With help from the farmer, the mast was straightened using hydraulic pressure from a tractor's front end loader. The mains feed had been compromised and was tidied up and the mast re-guyed. The repeater was now fitted with a battery back-up system in the event of a power failure.</p>	

	<p>In February 2019, another source of was traced to a mobile unit operating in the Huntingdon and Hartford area.</p> <p>(Secretary's Note. A copy of the Repeater Keeper's Report is available for viewing from the Secretary if required.)</p>	
ITEM 7.	<p><u>Registered Agenda Items.</u></p> <p>No submissions had been received.</p>	
ITEM 8.	<p><u>President's Report and Election of Chairman</u></p> <p>The President thanked everyone for organizing the external events to and hoped that more members could find time to visit and perhaps assist future events. He thanked Malcolm (M0OLG) for his efforts in organizing the rally.</p> <p>The President asked the membership if anyone wished to take on the role of Chairman. There being no takers, he handed the chairmanship back to Mervyn (G4KLE) to complete his third year after which a formal re-election would be required.</p>	
ITEM 9.	<p><u>Election Of Members To The Committee.</u></p> <p>The Chairman outlined the constituent members of the committee which was to remain the same with the exception of Simon (M0ILR) who would take up the co-opted position as Examinations Secretary vice Peter (2E0CUK) who had stood down. Although the structure of the committee did not require a vote, it was proposed by Angela (M3FTV), seconded by Henry (M0ZAE) and carried thus gaining approval from the membership.</p>	
ITEM 10.	<p><u>Award of President's Trophy.</u></p> <p>The President explained that he had been looking for a suitable trophy to present to the person, chosen by the members, considered to have made a significant contribution to the Society and, more generally, amateur radio during the year. Fortuitously, such a trophy was found when clearing Gerald's (G3AAZ) shack and refurbished. A ballot had been held and the President was delighted to announce that Richard (2E0FRQ) was the first winner. A presentation would be made on Richard's return from abroad.</p>	
ITEM 11.	<p><u>Any Other Business.</u></p> <p>The meeting was canvassed for any other business. Three items were of significance:</p> <p>a. Bob (G4JZV) expressed his very grateful thanks to those members who had assisted with the re-erection of his mast following it being accidentally damaged by a digger. In appreciation, he donated £50.00 to the Society. He was thanked for his generosity and applauded by all.</p>	

	<p>b. John (M0JWS) thanked the Society on behalf of 73 Sqn ATC for the donation following their assistance with parking at the rally.</p>	
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	<p>c. Phil (G0AYX) asked if the Society had been in touch with the organizer of the Buckden Village Festival and received a positive response from the Chairman.</p>	
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There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:43 hrs

David J Howlett
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Honorary Secretary

16 March 2019